

President's Message

Kathie Gaylord



I am pleased and privileged to be president of the Friends for the 2004-2005 year. I'm sure by now you have all received the appeal letter we sent out to the town. We hope that you will plan to join

Four new board members

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A beagle and two cats complete her household. Her fiancé's volunteer work is treating Children's Shelter occupants (as many as six) to a weekly outing. This he has done for many years, and Cady often accompanies him.

Gwen Davis

Gwen Davis is a longtime library volunteer and book-sale stalwart who has now joined the Friends' board. Gwen is the one who is found behind the children's book section during the every-other-month used book sale.

She has three grown children and four grandchildren and describes herself as a "soccer grandma" to her Cupertino granddaughters, age 12 and 14.

For her schoolteacher daughter who lives in Aptos she serves as a

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the Friends and encourage your friends to do so also. It is my hope that more of you will want to get involved this year. Please feel free to call me with any questions and concerns.

We have some interesting forums planned for you this year and we will continue to offer our Young Writer's Workshops which have become so popular.

We also hope to offer a back-to-school tea for moms and young children. I hope to see you at any or all of our functions.



Friday Forums

Friends Friday Forums will lead off the 2004-2005 session with a presentation by **Library Director Peggy Conaway** on the **History of Los Gatos** on **November 5 at 7 p.m.** in Town Council Chambers.

Conaway will present a slide show and sign copies of her book ***Images of America: Los Gatos***, which features more than 200 historic photos of our town.

Forums will also be presented in February, March and May, featuring local authors such as **Lea Frey**.

Amanda Jaramillo

Amanda Jaramillo grew up in Los Gatos, graduated from **Los Gatos High** and is concerned that her generation carry on the volunteer work, such as Friends, that allows the library to offer enhancements. "Reading is such an important thing in our lives. The library represents true freedom and being free."

Amanda trained as a **journalist** at **SJSU** and spent 15 years in public relations for **Cisco** and other high tech firms. Today her chief interest outside her family is film work. She's a member of the **Film Arts Foundation**, she's done some film editing and is at work on a screen play.

Amanda's husband is **John** and their children, **Natalie**, 8, and **Jacqueline**, 6, are fourth generation Los Gatans. Their great-grandfather, **Paul Arnerich**, 96, is the oldest native in town.



Young Writers Workshops in 2005

Friends of Los Gatos Library will sponsor the fourth annual **Young Writers Workshops**:

January 29

April 9, 2005

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Los Gatos Neighborhood Center for children 8 to 12

Friends of the Library board member and award-winning author **Martha Alderson** will again teach children how to develop plot and characters to build a story. **Alderson** offers writing workshops in her studio and through **U.C. Santa Cruz**, the **California Writers Club** and the **Jack London Kids Writing Camp**.

With bachelor degrees in psychology and speech and a master's in speech pathology, she founded a speech, language and learning disability clinic for children ages 4-18. For more about Martha her website is:

www.blockbusterplots.com

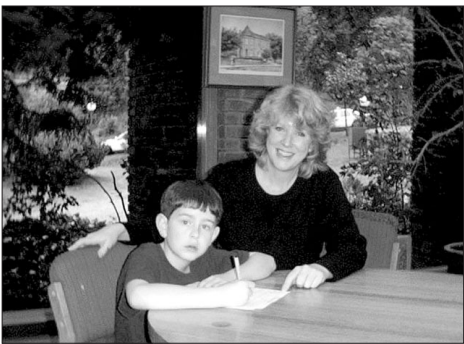
Financial Report

As of September 1, 2004

Current total assets . \$115,932
Savings account . \$63,853.24
Reserve account \$50,724
Checking account \$1,354

Some of these funds are earmarked for specific expenditure, such as the reserve account, which was set up for future projects.

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"Even those who are reluctant participants complain the workshop is too short when it's time to quit," Alderson says. "It's exciting to watch the magic happen—the discovery of their gifts, what's inside of them—their truth."

Friends of the Library will also sponsor a workshop for young writers at the **San Jose Children's Shelter**.

To register for the workshops mail a registration form, and a check payable to Friends of Los Gatos Library or FLGPL, 110 East Main Street, Los Gatos 95030 or drop off your registration and check at the library. Cost for Friends' members is \$10, others \$15. Writing materials, drinks and cookies are provided. Bring a lunch.

Children's Fall Programs

Thursday, October 14, 3:30 p.m.

Two part workshop about zines and how to publish your own. Meet at the Teen zone (*Age 12 and up only*)

Thursday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.

More zines: Part II. Meet at the Teen Zone (*Age 12 and up only*)

Thursday, November 18, 3:30 p.m.

Laughter with Daffy Dave. Note: Program may be filmed by Daffy. (*Age 4 and up*)

Thursday, December 16, 6:45 p.m.

Family Night: Puppet Show by Caterpillar Puppets, (*Age 4 and up*)

Storytimes:

Monday, 10:30 a.m.

Toddlers, ages 2-3

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers, ages 3-5

Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose, ages 0-2

Children's programs are funded by Friends of Los Gatos Library

Young Writers Workshop Registration

Student's Name	Age
Workshop Date	New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing <input type="checkbox"/>
Street/City/Zip	Phone
Email	
Parent's Name	
We'll phone, email or send a post card to confirm your registration. For more information call the Friends message line at 399-5700.	

New books in the Library

Elsi Stotts, Library Consultant

Fiction

The Sinister Pig by Tony Hillerman
An intricate plot leads to the solution of a murder under the jurisdiction of the Navajo Tribal Police. A very complex puzzle is solved in spite of interference from FBI agents who have covered over the murder with secrecy and called it a hunting accident.

The Marriage Bed by Regina McBride. In early 20th century Dublin, Deirdre O'Brien comes to the Mainland carrying with her the family secrets that drove her from the Great Island of Blasket, off the

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southwest coast of Ireland. A profound, beautifully written work examines extremes of erotic love and the power of longing and unresolved grief.

Non Fiction

No Man's River by Farley Mowat
This well written memoir of the Arctic tells of Mowat's life among Metis trappers and Manitoba natives as they struggle to eke out a living in a brutal environment. The Eskimo population is ravaged by starvation and disease brought on by the white man. He witnesses the age old migration of the Arctic caribou herds.

Racing to a Cure by Neil Ruzic
The author, a cancer victim diagnosed with mantle-cell lymphoma, took control of his own disease by investigating cures being developed in cancer research laboratories. The book endorses molecularly based technologies and contains a scathing critique of chemo treatments as well as unscientific alternative therapies.

The Crusades by Geoffrey Hindley
Hindley's penetrating study sheds light on some of the most pressing issues of religious division and shows how the Crusades helped to shape Europe, the modern world and relations between Christian and Muslim countries to this day.



Meet the Staff

This month we're starting a new section called Meet the Staff whereby we introduce individuals on the library staff so we can greet them by name in the future. We're leading off with Gina Foster.

Gina Foster is a library assistant, which is leagues away from being an assistant librarian, but probably only library insiders would know the difference, she says. "This is the perfect place for me: I love books and enjoy teenagers. And I love the idea of encouraging kids to read so they can get as much pleasure and fun out of books as I do."



Gina's enthusiasm is bound to spill over to her young charges. "I can't believe how far I've come," she marvels—from being a volunteer in the Loma Prieta school library when her kids were young, back in the '70s, to full time work at the Los Gatos Library.

She started as a part-time library clerk here, steadily moved up the ranks in the 12 years she's been in Los Gatos. This mountain woman also spent 12 years in the Loma Prieta library.

When she first started in Los Gatos she was holding down two other part-time jobs as well—at the school library during the week and managing a catering company on weekends. So working full time in one place was a sigh of relief: Life became much easier.

Her academic work includes a **Bachelors Degree in Sociology** from **San Jose State University**. She lives in the Skyland area of the Santa Cruz Mountains, tucked in among the redwoods, a setting that's been home for 26 years. "I can see the ocean from my place." And, she hikes nearly daily in this redwood splendor. That activity, plus giving up sugar after a health warning, has resulted in a trimmed down version of this sunny-natured assistant.



Library Director's Corner

Peggy Conaway



It's been a busy and productive summer at the library. Our **Kids Summer Reading and Listening Club for ages 0-14** attracted **1,414 children**, and **131 teens** joined the **Teen Summer Reading Club**. I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all.

Since the theme of this year's children's program was **Track It Down at the Library**, the children's room ended the event decorated with 1,414 animal footprints, each inscribed with a child's name. The live animal programs were especially popular. Friends of the Library completely underwrite our programs for children and teens, providing experiences that children remember for the rest of their lives. Librarians **Sandy Wee** and **Barbara Kreider** and their teams worked hard all summer to produce this successful program.

Publication date for **Images of America: Los Gatos** was September 27. The book contains more than

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200 historic photographs of the Los Gatos area. I am excited to have the project completed, and especially honored that **State Librarian Emeritus Kevin Starr** wrote the introduction to the book. A highly respected and widely published California historian, he felt able to write about Los Gatos as a result of the Friends program in May 2003, when he spoke here about **Angle of Repose**, last year's Town-Wide-Read, written by his friend **Wallace Stegner**.

The Friends Friday Forum November 5 will feature **Images of America: Los Gatos** with a presentation and book signing. The book is available at the library, the museums and Borders and can be ordered at **www.borders.com** and **www.amazon.com**.

Hooked on Los Gatos, the library/museum history project, continues at a steady pace. **Barbara and Ira Spector** were wonderfully supportive throughout the summer as we prepared for the August Borders benefit for the project. More than 500 Borders customers used vouchers with their purchases, resulting in \$2,700

for the project's coffers, their most successful fundraiser ever.

This money was especially helpful as we await the outcome of grants applied for in the spring, assisted greatly by Friend **Rita Baum**.

Friends also generously granted \$2,000 to assist with project expenses, and I have recently purchased a nice portable LCD projector to use during our presentations.

More Benefits

Two more benefits for the preservation of Los Gatos' rich history are on the horizon. **Few Women, Fewer Rules!** is the intriguing title of the **100th Anniversary Celebration** of the Opera House on October 14. Featured will be a talk by **J. S. Holliday**, an expert on the **California Gold Rush**. **Mr. Holliday** and I will both sign our books, and food and entertainment will be in keeping with the 1904 time period.

Testarossa Vineyards has kindly offered a repeat of last year's history project benefit, **following the Christmas parade December 4**, held at the winery.



Book Sale Totals

Book sale totals continue to be lower since the move to the side of the library behind the outdoor book drop. Hopefully, people will become accustomed to the new location and sales will climb back up to earlier levels.

Book sale table tallies were:

August	\$1,395
July	\$1,088
June	\$1,488

Special every-other-month book sales:

September	\$1,412
July	\$1,128

Marge Rice heads the book sale brigade and stalwart helpers are **Joanne Crum, Carol Hamilton, Lesley Dinette, Doris Lum, Judy Etherington** and **Pamela Laurence**.



A Friend indeed You

Rita Baum

Friends can make a difference! Last April approximately 150 Friends of Los Gatos Library wrote letters and sent emails to the Town Council expressing their concerns about the proposed budget cuts in library hours and acquisitions. We are happy to announce that at the June 7 meeting the Council approved partial restoration of funds to the library budget. **As a result the library will work with a \$165,000 acquisitions budget in 2004-05 rather than the proposed \$130,000.**

Library hours have been cut, but not as severely as feared. (Wednesday and Thursday openings are now at noon, rather than 10 a.m.; and Monday to Thursday closing is now 8 p.m., instead of 9 p.m.) The library will remain open seven days a week, including four evenings until 8 p.m.

Council members asked town staff to consider restoration of funds, citing the "extreme effect cutting library hours and acquisitions would have had and the relatively modest cost of restoring funding to the requested amounts."

Thank you, Friends, for voicing your concern and support. And thanks, Council, for listening.

Thanks to Teri Hope and Trader Joe's Friends of the library would also like to thank **Teri Hope** of the **Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company** for her generous contributions of coffee and all its accouterments to our programs throughout the years. Her generous support has warmed our hearts and innards through many a forum. Our thanks also to **Dave Adams** of **Trader Joe's**, who donates a basket of goodies to be raffled off at our programs, thus strengthening our coffers. Our heartfelt thanks go to these two community-minded benefactors.



Preserving the past

Hooked on History: the Los Gatos Model

TECHNOLOGY BRINGS THE PAST ALIVE

In the basement of Los Gatos Public Library, in an area inaccessible to the public, are stored 26,000 irreplaceable and deteriorating items of print and non-print materials of historical significance—newspaper clippings, photographs, microfilms, maps, manuscripts, audio tapes, letters—dating from 1837.

An additional 1,000 archives are under the auspices of the Los Gatos Museum Association and in private collections. Those seeking information about Los Gatos history have been frustrated for years as these materials were not available to the public in their present form and locations.

Now the library and museums have partnered to preserve the materials and bring them to life via the "Hooked on History" digitization project. The museum will oversee the preservation of the items and the library will pro-

vide the information-sharing technology.

Director Conaway indexed-catalogued, and made a permanent record of the valuable materials before further deterioration could occur. New but expensive technology is available

to make the digital conversion project possible. To launch the project, Friends of the Library sponsored a public awareness program last year with six full-page ads in the Los Gatos Weekly Times. Grant proposals seeking funding for the digital conversion were also undertaken. Thanks to financial support from grants and other sources

the project was begun. Digitization will not only preserve the archives but also produce an electronic learning model for use by schools, the community and nationally via Internet and CD-ROM. Electronic learning has taken a strong hold as a vehicle for making learning easier, more interesting. Hooked on History will be a resource to learn from the past in order to plan for the future.

—Rita Baum



Three grants awarded library

Three grants were received recently:

- 1) **The Valley Foundation** grant of **\$50,000** to Friends of the Library in support of the Los Gatos History Project.
- 2) The **Wells Fargo Foundation** grant of **\$1,000**, also to Friends for the History Project.
- 3) **Global Language Materials** grant of \$6,000 for library services and technology.

The purpose of the grant is to purchase materials to meet the needs of immigrants in the community. The library will hold a focus group to determine what those needs may be. The focus will probably be on enhancement of English language skills.

Funding for the History Project has also come from the **Library Services and Technology Act, FMC, Borders, Testarossa Vineyard**, the **History Club**, **Opera House** fundraiser, **Lions Club** and **IBM**.

Volunteers, under the direction of a project manager, are contributing more than 100 hours a month to the project. A small history room has been established in the library.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant funding was not awarded to Los Gatos. All the recipients went to large agencies, such as California universities, said Lynda Dydo, assistant director. Now onto Plan B.

—Peggy Conaway

A heartfelt donation

A very heartfelt \$500 donation came to the Friends of the Library recently from **Victoria and Brad Myers**. In 1991 the Myers were heading to Brazil on a mission with a church group.

Their two daughters were 8 and 10 and the Myers wanted to make sure they took along plenty of classics. Two Friends' members said they'd be on the lookout and would set books aside. When Victoria came back to the library she was amazed to find three full boxes.

Those books not only kept her own daughters in good literature, but also were a continuing source of delight and nourishment for their friends and neighbors.

"Who knows all the lives touched by Friends' book sale table?" she asks.

